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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Mobile	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
CITY HALL

AND/OR HISTORIC:
City Hall or Old City Market - Old Southern Market

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
111 South Royal Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Mobile,

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Mobile CODE: 097

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Mobile

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, South Royal St.

CITY OR TOWN: Mobile STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mobile County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Royal Street

CITY OR TOWN: Mobile STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1935 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D. C. STATE: CODE: 08

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

STYLE: Greek Revival

PLAN: Basically "L" shaped with three main buildings connected by overhead walls affording entry into a court.

MATERIALS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION: Brick with stucco struck like stone. Wooden roof trusses and carved wooded brackets. Cast iron columns in courtyard. Wood cornice and slate roof. Cypress wood cupola. Brick Chimneys. Brick relieving arches over doors. Stone arches and quoins.

EXTERIOR APPEARANCE: West (front) elevation virtually symmetrical. Doric pilasters and deep cut gables. Twin gabled structure in the center connected to smaller outer buildings by crenelated wing walls. South elevation symmetrical and broken by numerous windows and doors. Courtyard elevations similar but lack unity.

SCALE AND PROPORTIONS: Scale is somewhat clumsy and the mass is disturbed by extensive articulation; especially deep overhangs in the gables.

INTERIOR APPEARANCE: Wood floors and details with high ceilings. Plain wooden stairs. Plaster walls.

IRONWORK: Extensive and exceptionally fine wrought iron work in gates, semi-circular windows, and miscellaneous fittings.

PRESENT

Front, or west elevation virtually unchanged.
North wing reconstructed c 1965
Structure to the east an earlier additon.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian; | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas James, architect

In the early 1800's there was a open municipal market in the general area of the present City Hall. Between 1823 and 1842 it was located on this same site. Farmers and gamessellers displayed their wares, and live fish were sold from cypress tanks.

In 1842 the Alabama Supreme Court ordered the open markets removed. It was not until ten years later, 1852, that the order was obeyed and then only after a complaint was filed in chancery court. Bonds were issued to finance the new building.

The building was completed in 1858 during the term of Mayor Jones M. Withers.

1852-1858

It continued to serve as a market place and was also used as a militia armory during the civil war. Reserve troops drilled in the court yard.

After the Civil War several municipal offices moved into the upper floors of the building. Part of the structure continued to serve as an armory, and shop owners began to move into the lower parts of the building. A few shops were still vending their miscellaneous wares from the structure in 1940.

Gradually the entire building was occupied by municipal offices. Today it is the center of municipal government, housing the offices of the three city commissioners and the majority of the departments of city government.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		PLATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NE	Occupies	entire block	30 °	41 ' 22 "	88 ° 02 ' 22 "	
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4 miles**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: **Alabama Historical Commission** DATE: **April 27, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 South Lawrence Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Montgomery** STATE: **Alabama** CODE: **01**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Wils B. Howard Jr. Date _____

Title SHPO ATTEST: _____

Date May 15, 1973 _____
 Keeper of The National Register

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

1934; 1935

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C.

